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SUBJ. SENKAKUS SITREP --AS OF NOON MAY 9
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1. ONLY 10 TO 20 CHINESE FISHING VESSELS REMAIN IN THE
SENKAKUS AREA, DOWN FROM 30 TO 150 DURING LAST WEEK IN APRIL (REF-
TEL), ACCORDING TO JAPANESE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (MSA) HERE. ONLY
HANDFUL OF SHIPS ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN TRAWLING. THERE HAVE BEEN
NO TERRITORIAL SEA INCURSIONS SINCE APR 22-23. MSA IS, NEVERTHELESS,
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MAINTAINING SAME LEVEL OF SURVEILLANCE, USING THREE LARGE PATROL
CRAFT AND YS-11 AIRCRAFT DRAWN FROM MAINLAND JAPAN MSA DISTRICTS.
2. DESPITE SENKAKUS PROBLEM AND CRITICISM FROM LOCAL LDP,
REFORMISTS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH 100-MEMBER "WINGS OF FRIENDSHIP"
MISSION TO CHINA HEADED BY VICE GOVERNOR YABU. THIS
UNPRECEDENTEDLY LARGE GROUP, REPORTEDLY HANDPICKED BY LEFTIST
OKINAWA TEACHERS UNION, WILL LEAVE NAHA MAY 9 FOR TEN-DAY TRIP TO

PEKING, NANKING, AND SHANGHAI. ON EVE OF DEPARTURE, YABU TOLD PRESS:
"BECAUSE CHINESE SHIPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN (SIC) FROM VICINITY OF
SENKAKUS, AND CHINESE GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED EARLIER INCURSIONS AS
ACCIDENTAL, THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER STANDING IN WAY OF
SINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP." HE SAID, NEVERTHELESS, THAT SHOULD
AN OPPORTUNITY ARISE IN MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS

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SENKAKUS, THE MISSION WOULD STRONGLY EXPRESS OKINAWAN SENTIMENTS
AGAINST RECURRENCE OF CHINESE INCURSIONS IN THE SENKAKUS.
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